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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Mitsuru ISHIKAWA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1763  
Application No.: 09/696,232 ) Examiner: A. Olsen  
Filed: October 26, 2000 )  
For: ETCHING METHOD ) Confirmation No.: 5127  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed May 26, 2005, the period for response to which extends through August 26, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.